**Consumption of fertilizers**

395. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to increase the consumption of fertilizers ;

(b) if so, the quantity of fertilizers consumed during 1986-87, 1987-88 and the last financial year, year-wise; and

(c) the percentage of increase or decrease in fertilizers consumption in different States during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantity of fertilizers consumed during 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 are given below:

| Year | All India consumption of fertilizers (Lakh tonnes) (N+P+K) |
|---|---|
| 1986-87 . . . | 87.38 |
| 1987-88 (Estt) . . | 90.12 |
| 1988-89 (Estt) . . | 110.31 |

(c) A statement indicating the consumption of fertilisers in different States during the last three years along with the percentage variation is annexed. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 22].

**Encouragement to tuna fishing**

396. DR. YELAMANCHILLI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to encourage tuna fishing by deep sea trawlers ; and

(b) is so, the names and addresses of Indian Companies engaged in tuna fishing, the number of vessels engaged by them, the names of their foreign charters/collaborators and the exported quantity and value of tuna fish by each of the companies, year-wise during the period from 1985-86 to 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

**Manual handling of night soil**

397. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which the inhuman practice of carrying of night soil by scavengers has been eliminated ;

(b) whether any major mechanical means have been developed by any Government agency as to do away this manual handling of night soil ; and

(c) what is the quantitative and qualitative progress made so far to achieve the socially desirable goal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a) to (c) Upto the end of March, 1989, Central assistance had been provided to 19 State Govts. for 226 towns under the Centrally Sponsored

Scheme of Liberation of Scavangers. To put an end to the practice of manual handling of night soil by the scavengers. dry-latrines are converted into water borne latrines and the displaced scavengers rehabilitated in alternative occupations/jobs. The use of double pit pour-flush waterseal latrines for the disposal of night soil has been introduced and found successful in different geological, hydrogeological, and physical conditions. Upto the end of March, 1988, 2,73,000 dry latrines had been converted into water borne latrines and 10,195 scavengers rehabilitated. According to the information furnished by the State Govts., 32 towns had been made scavenging free by this period.

**AIR Stations, Doordarshan Kendars and relay stations in the Country**

398. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Doordarshan Kendras and relay stations as on date in the country, alongwith their locations ; and

(b) the number of All India Radio Stations, alongwith their capacities as on date, in the country and locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K .K. TEWARY) : (a) At present 354 transmitting centres are functioning in the country. Programme Production facility is available at 18 of these centres. Locations of these centres are given in the Statement attached as Annexure-I, [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 23].

(b) As regards All India Radio, there are 97 stations working at present in the country. The details of their location and capacity are indicated in the statement attached as Annexure-II. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 24]

**Mosquito repellents based on Allenthrin**

399. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many mushroom companies have come up with foreign collaboration for manufacture of mosquito repellents based on allethrin, a poisonous pesticide as appeared in the Hindustan Times of 24th June 1989 ;

(b) whether allethrin is imported or made in the country ;

(c) whether its safety has been well established by CIL and other laboratories ; if so the details thereof ; and

(d) whether it is likely to be ensured that all components of EMRs are clearly declared and a warning and dangers printed boldly in red on each of the containers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Registrations for manufacture of mosquito repellents based upon allethrin technical (imported into the country) have been granted to 12 registrants under the Insecticides Act, 1968.

(b) Allethrin technical is an imported insecticide.

(c) The Registration Committee, set up under the Insecticides Act, 1968 is the authority to take the decision regarding the safety of the product before it is registered